



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"

Russ Guiney, Director

June 19, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION
FOR 2007 COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDS FOR SOUTH COAST BOTANIC
GARDENS SECURITY FENCING GRAFFITI PREVENTION PROJECT IN THE
FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FUNDED UNDER THE SAFE
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996
(4TH District - Three-Vote Matter)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to the State CEQA Guidelines and the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, cited herein.
2. Adopt the attached resolution approving the submission of a grant application for the Fourth Supervisorial District South Coast Botanic Gardens Security Fencing Graffiti Prevention Project in the amount of \$85,000 from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition 2007 Competitive Grant Program.
3. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County, to accept funds, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to, the project grant agreement, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION/JUSTIFICATION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to complete the application process if the project is approved for funding. The 2007 Competitive Grant Program provides \$2,000,000 in funding for the acquisition, development, improvement and/or rehabilitation of real property in the Fourth Supervisorial District. Projects scope of work must include one or more of the following categories: At-Risk Youth Recreation and Service Facilities, Graffiti Prevention, Natural Lands Restoration, Senior Centers and Recreation Facilities, Trails Acquisition and Development, and/or Urban Tree Planting.

Under the 2007 Competitive Grant Program Guidelines, graffiti prevention may include improvements that make the facility less accessible to vandalism such as vines or installation of fences, restoration of facades with treatments that make them essentially graffiti-proof, replacement of existing facades with materials that are more resistant to graffiti such as ceramic tile, and development and application of murals.

The scope of work for the South Coast Botanic Gardens Security Fencing Graffiti Project consists of replacing an existing deteriorated chain link fence along Rolling Hills Road (East property line) measuring approximately 1,403 linear feet, including two 8 foot wide swing gates, and installation of approximately 2,955 linear feet of chain link fencing along the horse trail (Southern property line). This project will cut down on the frequent vandalism associated with the lack of protection for the collection of rare and unusual trees and plants at the South Coast Botanic Gardens. The Department feels that the scope of work is within the guidelines of the graffiti program.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions supports County Strategic Plan Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) by increasing the Department's public/private partnerships, managing our resources effectively, and investing in the public infrastructure; Goal No. 5 (Children and Families Well-Being) by improving the health, economic well-being, safety and survival, emotional and social well-being, and educational/workforce readiness of the children and families of the County; and Goal No. 6 (Community Services) by improving the quality of life for residents by offering a wide range of services responsive to each community's specific needs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There's no impact on the net County cost. The estimated total project cost is \$100,580. The reduced need to clean graffiti because of the added security will partially offset any maintenance costs. If the Department is successful in receiving grant funds for this project, the project will be funded by the Regional Park and Open Space District Fourth District 2007 Competitive Grant Program in the amount of \$85,000 and the 15 percent matching funds requirement will be financed by the Department's Special Development Funds used to fund facility improvements at South Coast Botanic Gardens.

Operating Budget Impact

The Department anticipates very little future maintenance costs if grant funds are awarded for this project. The Department will work with the Chief Administrative Office to determine the appropriate operating requirements and available funding. Based upon the current funding timeline and anticipated project schedules, any one-time or ongoing operational costs as a result of the project, if awarded, would not be incurred until at least Fiscal Year 2007-08.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Regional Park and Open Space District has \$2,000,000 in the Proposition A 2007 Competitive Grant Program to provide competitive grants for the acquisition, development, and/or improvements for public access within the Fourth Supervisorial District. Projects are limited to At-Risk Youth Recreation and Service Facilities, Graffiti Prevention, Natural Lands Restoration, Senior Centers and Recreation Facilities, Trails Acquisition and Development, and/or Urban Tree Planting. Grant awards are limited to a maximum of \$100,000 per project and there is a 15 percent match requirement. The Program guidelines also state that only one application will be funded for any applicant public agency.

Pursuant to Section 14 of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, all funds of the District allocated to projects which include tasks that can be performed by youth, including but not limited to the rehabilitation, restoration and/or development of beach, park, recreation, open space and/or natural lands, and recreation and community facilities, shall be used to the maximum extent feasible to employ at-risk youth from the community in which the particular project is being carried out. The Department will submit a Youth Employment Plan to the District if the project is successful in being awarded grant funds.

County Counsel has approved the attached Resolution as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these actions will not have any impact on any other current services or projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15301, 15302 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 and 2 (e) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project provides for the replacement of existing facilities with no expansion of use beyond that previously existing.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board to return three conformed copies of this action and the signed original resolutions to Parks and Recreation by June 21, 2007, and one conformed copy to the Chief Administrative Office.

Respectfully submitted,



Russ Guiney
Director

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)
County Counsel

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING APPLICATION FOR 2007 COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDS FOR SOUTH
COAST BOTANIC GARDENS SECURITY FENCING GRAFFITI PREVENTION
PROJECT IN THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing applications for grant funds under the Proposition, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the Department of Parks and Recreation to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the Department of Parks and Recreation must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for the development project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors;

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Fourth Supervisorial District 2007 Competitive Grant Funds in the amount of \$85,000 for the South Coast Botanic Gardens Security Fencing Graffiti Project; and
2. Certifies that the Department of Parks and Recreation understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that the Department of Parks and Recreation has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; and
4. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, the application, agreement, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

The foregoing resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2007,
adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the
governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and
authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Office,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.

County Counsel

By 
HELEN S. PARKER
Principal Deputy